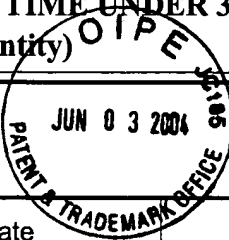


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Small Entity)

Docket No.
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In Re Application Of: STOUT, Robert L.



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Invention: **METHODS OF DETERMINING CHRONIC HEPATITIS C INFECTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 12/03/2003 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: 3/02/2004 until: 6/03/2004
Date *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.
☐ has already been filed in this application.

The fee for the extension of time is **\$475** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-0522**
☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-0522**

Signature

Dated: **June 3, 2004**

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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